

Dear FCC Commissioners,

In my town, we have one daily paper left, and four "local" news stations (ABC, NBC, CBS, and Fox). News is monochromatic, to say the least. What we need, if anything, is not for the cross-ownership ban to be lifted, but for alternative voices to be allowed in. Unfortunately, lifting the cross-ownership ban will foreseeably narrow news content even further.

You should be especially careful about this issue because there is a clear perception that the FCC is acting at the behest of large corporations. Even if this is not the case, you must be concerned not only that justice be done, but that justice be seen to be done. If you lift the cross-ownership ban you will have a hard time convincing me or anyone else that the FCC is not in the pocket of corporations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter; to repeat, do not lift the cross-ownership ban, it is bad for diversity, bad for freedom of information, and bad for democracy.

Sincerely,

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